

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A washing machine which needs almost no space around a housing and which can be improved in workability for putting in and out washing loads. In a housing (1) having an opening portion (1a) is set a water tank (4) having an opening portion (4a) facing the opening portion (1a) of the housing (1). An unbendable first door (3) for opening and closing the first opening portion (1a) of the housing (1) can be accommodated generally entirely in lower portion of the housing (1) and slid vertically against the housing (1). The first door (3) is biased upward by flat spiral springs (10). The flat spiral springs (10) brake downward sliding of the first door (3).